


Whitby Urban District

REPORT

for the

Year 1967

of the

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and of the

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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
WHITBY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. Chairman and Members,

The production of this report has been unavoidably delayed.

With the development of the harbour trade it is becoming increasingly important for permanent toilet facilities to be provided for work people employed about the quays.

I am, your Obedient Servant,

B. SCHROEDER,

Medical Officer of Health.

The District Health Office,

Grape Lane, Whitby.

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY, 1967.

Name.	Qualifications.	Office held.	Whole or part time.	Other Public Offices held.
B. SCHROEDER	M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.	Medical Officer of Health.	Whole.	Assistant County Medical Officer, N.R.C.C. Medical Officer of Health, Whitby R.D.C.
H. EATOUGH	Cert. S.I.B.	Chief Public Health Inspector and Cleansing Superintendent.	Whole.	
G. A. BOANAS	Cert. S.I.B.	Public Health Inspector.	Whole.	
H. BOWDEN	Auth. M.I.	Meat Inspector.	Whole.	

STATISTICS AND LOCAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Population—

Registrar-General's Estimate, mid-1967	12,210
Rateable Value at 31st March, 1968	£402,973
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£1,582

VITAL STATISTICS.

	Male	Female	Total
Live-Births—Legitimate	94	104	198
Illegitimate	8	10	18
Totals	102	114	216

Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated population	17.7
Corrected Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated population ...	19.5
Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated population, England and Wales	17.2

	Male	Female	Total
Still Births—Legitimate	5	1	6
Illegitimate	1	0	1
Totals	6	1	7

Still Birth Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	31.4
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 total live and still births, England and Wales	14.8

Deaths of Infants under one year—

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	3	3	6
Illegitimate	—	—	—
Totals	3	3	6

Death Rate of Infants under 1 year per 1,000 live births	27.8
Death Rate of Infants under 1 year per 1,000 live births, England and Wales	18.3

Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks old—

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	3	1	4
Illegitimate	—	—	—
	—	—	—
Totals	3	1	4
	—	—	—

Deaths of Infants under 1 week old—

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	3	1	4
Illegitimate	—	—	—
	—	—	—
Totals	3	1	4
	—	—	—

	Male	Female	Total
Deaths	91	113	204
Death Rate per 1,000 estimated population			16.7
Corrected Death Rate per 1,000 estimated population ...			10.5
Death Rate per 1,000 estimated population, England and Wales			11.2

COMMENT ON VITAL STATISTICS.

The number of stillbirths and the number of deaths of infants under one year are both higher than they were last year or the year before. More deaths than usual have been ascribed to vascular lesions of the nervous system this year, 16 males and 32 females.

CAUSES OF DEATH AT DIFFERENT PERIODS OF LIFE DURING 1967—MALES

Cause of Death.	Under 4 weeks & under 1 year	Age in Years					35—	45—	55—	65—	75 & over	Total All Ages
		1—	5—	15—	25—	35—						
Maglignant Neoplasm, Stomach	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	4	3	10	
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	1	4	
Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	6	6	16	
Coronary Disease, Angina	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	4	6	7	18	
Hypertension with Heart Disease	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	
Other Heart Disease	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	4	14	19	
Pneumonia	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	1	2	5	
Bronchitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	1	4	
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	
Congenital Malformations	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	
Other Defined and Ill-defined Diseases	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	2	
Motor Vehicle Accidents	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	2	
All Other Accidents	—	—	1	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	3	
Suicide	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	
Total—All Causes	3	—	—	1	—	6	5	14	26	36	91	

CAUSES OF DEATH AT DIFFERENT PERIODS OF LIFE DURING 1967—FEMALES

Cause of Death.	Under 4 weeks	4 weeks to 1 year	1--	5--	15--	Age in Years				55--	65--	75 & Total over All Ages
						25--	35--	45--				
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	3	4
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	1	3
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	3	—	4
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	3
Diabetes	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	5	25	32
Coronary Disease, Angina	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	6	5	14
Hypertension with Heart Disease	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	3
Other Heart Disease	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	23	27
Other Circulatory Disease	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	3
Pneumonia	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	2
Bronchitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	5	6
Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Congenital Malformations	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Other Defined and Ill-defined Diseases	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	1	1	6
Motor Vehicle Accidents	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
All Other Accidents	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	2	3
Total—All Causes	1	2	—	—	—	1	—	3	10	24	72	113

WATER SUPPLIES.

The Water Engineer, Scarborough Corporation, kindly informed me of the result of his department's water sampling in this district, as follows :—

Bacteriological examinations : 68 satisfactory, 2 unsatisfactory.

In addition to these, I have made frequent tests for free chlorine.

REPORT OF THE PORT MEDICAL OFFICER.

The Harbour Master has kindly given the following particulars :—

Vessels Using the Port During 1967.

Yachts and Private Craft	300
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Local Fishing Fleet :

Landings for the year were :—

Shellfish, 5,083 cwts.	£42,198
Whitefish, 36,096 cwts.	£142,655
Total	<u>£184,853</u>

Scottish Fishing Fleet :

19 vessels used the Port during 1967.

Landings	63
Crans	956
Value	£5,325

Commercial Trade :

EXPORTS—

Limestone	5,547.2 tons	13 ships
Barley	3,140.2 tons	5 ships
Aluminium	5,062.0 tons	16 ships
Chalkstone	2,274.1 tons	3 ships
Plastic Pipes	52.0 tons	1 ship

IMPORTS—

Aluminium	3,106.5 tons	9 ships
Timber	16,860.0 tons (5,977 Stds.)	31 ships
Paper	30,530.9 tons	52 ships
Pig Iron	1,587.4 tons	3 ships
Refractory Materials	1,226.0 tons	6 ships
Boxboard	457.5 tons (152.5 Stds.)	3 ships
Hardboard	327.2 tons	1 ship
Rod Iron	4,758.9 tons	8 ships
Steel	5,590.8 tons	13 ships
Plywood	561.8 tons	2 ships
Chemicals	7,294.9 tons	17 ships
Chip/Blockboard	200.4 tons	
In for Shelter, etc.		4 ships
Assorted Cargo	1,445.5 tons	5 ships

NOTIFICATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

(Other than Tuberculosis).

Infectious diseases were notified as follows :—

Soune Dystentry	15
Scarlet Fever	1
Measles	183
Pneumonia	3
Whooping Cough	18
Puerperal Pyrexia	1

TUBERCULOSIS, 1967.

During the year no case of pulmonary tuberculosis was notified, and no death from this cause was recorded during the year.

MASS RADIOGRAPHY SURVEY, 1967.

The Organising Secretary of the Mass Radiography Unit has kindly supplied the following information :—

Whitby Area Attendances, 1967.

	Males	Females	Total
Danby	44	73	117
Goathland	18	24	42
Hinderwell	69	81	150
Whitby	330	436	766
	461	614	1,075

Referrals.

Seven persons were referred to the Chest Physician with the following results :—

Active Pulmonary Tuberculosis	1
Pleural Calcification	1
Emphysema	1
Pulmonary Artery Enlargement	1
Basal Fibrosis	1
Nothing abnormal detected	2

HOSPITALS.

The Hospitals in Whitby are administered by the Scarborough, Bridlington, Malton and Whitby Group Hospital Management Committee :—

- (1) **WAR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.**
A General Hospital with an Out-patient Department.
- (2) **ST. HILDA'S HOSPITAL.**
Specially equipped for the care of the aged sick.
- (3) **ESKDALE HOSPITAL.**
A General Hospital with a Maternity Ward.

HOSPITAL ACCOMMODATION FOR INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Scarborough and Middlesbrough Infectious Diseases Hospitals are available for the admission of cases requiring isolation.

Special arrangements are made for cases of Poliomyelitis.

LOCAL HEALTH SERVICES PROVIDED IN THE AREA BY THE NORTH RIDING COUNTY COUNCIL.

Care of Mothers and Young Children.

The Child Welfare Centre and the Ante-Natal Clinic are held at Grape Lane, Whitby, each week, on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons, respectively.

Sleights I.W.C., at Sleights Institute, is held on the third Monday each month. Though situated in the Rural District area, mothers from the Briggswath area find it a convenient centre to attend.

When required, patients attending these Clinics may be referred to the following special clinics, also held at Grape Lane, Whitby :—

- Orthopaedic Clinic
- Artificial Sunlight Clinic.
- Dental Clinic.
- Child Guidance Clinic.
- Speech Therapy Clinic.
- Eye Clinic
- (held at W. M. Hospital).

Cervical Cytology Screening Service.

This free service is available by appointment for women between the ages of 30 and 65 years, for early detection of cancer of the cervix.

Midwifery.

The Whitby Urban District is served by one domiciliary midwife :—

Gas and Air Analgesia is available to any patient who desires it.

Health Visiting.

There are two Health Visitors for this district, and their first duty is the visiting of homes for the purpose of giving advice as to the care of young children. It is their duty to visit every home where there is a child below school age, so that the mother may be encouraged to discuss even the most trivial worry with the Health Visitor, who may then re-assure her or get her to seek expert advice.

In addition, they visit and advise expectant or nursing mothers, persons suffering from illness, including tuberculosis, and aged persons.

Home Nursing.

When called for by the family doctor, the District Nurse will attend persons who require nursing in their own homes. In case of difficulty, messages for district nurses can be left at the District Health Office, Grape Lane, Whitby (Tel. Whitby 2520).

Vaccination and Immunisation.

Vaccinations and immunisations against Poliomyelitis, Diphtheria, Small pox and Whooping Cough were done by family doctors, or at the infant welfare centres. In addition, it has been routine practice during the year for Dr. Binns and I to offer boosters to schoolchildren, as follows :—

Poliomyelitis.—On school entry.

Diphtheria.—During second year at school.

Smallpox.—During third year at school.

Routine tuberculin testing of 13 year olds is undertaken by the School Health Service in the Whitby area, and of those showing negative reaction to the skin test, 151 were given B.C.G. vaccination. Positive reactors were referred to the Mass Radiography Unit.

Ambulance Service.

Two large ambulances and two light ambulances are housed in a garage off Stakesby Road, Whitby.

Escort duties in the ambulance service have been undertaken by members of the St. John Ambulance Brigade and the British Red Cross Society.

Domestic Help Service.

Helps are provided when necessary, and 102 cases in the Urban District received assistance during 1967.

Payment for the service of a domestic help depends on income and necessary expenses, and varies from a possible full rate of 6/- an hour to a free service.

Mental Health Services.

The Mental Health Services are administered direct by the County Council. The Duly Authorised Officer for the area operates from The District Welfare Office, Grape Lane, Whitby. Tel. No. Whitby 3635.

WELFARE SERVICES.

The office of the District Welfare Officer, who sees to the welfare of old people, is at Grape Lane, Whitby. Tel. No. Whitby 3635.

Prevention of Illness, Care and After-Care.

An active Voluntary Care Committee serves the needs of the area, its chief functions being to provide extra nourishment, clothing, bedding, medical comforts, nursing equipment, etc., and to do everything possible for the welfare of sick persons.

The Secretary of the Care Committee, Mr. K. Birdsall, has provided the following report:—

“During the year ended 31st March, 1968, the following items of assistance have been given:—

Chiropody Service.

Four chiropodists have participated in the scheme, treatment being offered to the following classes on the recommendation of the family doctor:—

- Men over 65 years old.
- Women over 60 years old.
- Physically handicapped persons.
- Persons with mental illness.
- Expectant mothers.

Two new village centres were started during the year, at Sleights and Goathland.

A total of 3,853 treatments were given, compared with 3,463 in the previous year. The treatments were effected as follows:—

At Chiropodists' surgeries	2473	(2297)
At Clinic Sessions—Whitby	562	(587)
Glaisdale ...	101	(74)
Castleton ...	98	(94)
Hinderwell ...	108	(122)
Sleights ...	117	(—)
Goathland ...	80	(—)
At Patients' homes	314	(289)

Meals Service.

The “Meals on Wheels” service distributed meals during the year. This is a service most capably organised and staffed by the Women's Royal Voluntary Services, and financed mainly by the Care Committee.

In conjunction with such County services as home nursing, home helps, health visiting, etc., and a variety of voluntary services which have been brought together during the year, the Meals service enables many elderly people to remain at home who would otherwise need admission to a hospital or old persons' home.

Equipment Loaned Out.

Air rings, Sorbo cushions, etc.	10
Feeding cups	4
Bed cradles	11
Bed rests	15
Bedpans and urinals	21
Dunlopillo mattresses	2
Lifting chain	3
Rubber sheets	13
Wheelchairs	20
Commodes	5
Crutches	1
Walking aids	1

Incontinent Patients.

Two patients have been provided with protective garments and one with a regular supply of protective interlining materials.

National Society for Cancer Relief.

Grants have been paid in four cases during the year.

Miscellaneous.

Two patients received extra nourishment, consisting of seven jars Bovril and seven packets Complan.

Travelling expenses paid to relatives of a patient in Fairfield Hospital, York, on three occasions.

“Chiropody patients transported by car on three occasions.”

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The Public Health Department,

Council Offices,

St. Hilda's Terrace,

Whitby.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
WHITBY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. Chairman, Mesdames and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit for your consideration an Annual Report of the work of Environmental Hygiene carried out by my Department during 1967.

A full complement of staff has enabled work to proceed smoothly throughout the year.

The redevelopment of the Central Area of Church Street has commenced, which, when completed, will provide 39 houses in a much desired position. At last light can be seen in the development of Low Stakesby Estate.

Agreement having been reached on the lease of land at Stakesby Road, rapid progress should now be made in completing the Abattoir.

The help and co-operation that is obtained from Councillors and Council Staff tends to become an accepted feature of daily life and easily overlooked, and it is only on such an occasion as this that thanks can be recorded. This I wholeheartedly do.

I am, Mr. Chairman and Members,

Your obedient servant,

H. EATOUGH,

Public Health Inspector.

WATER SUPPLY.

The supply and distribution of water is undertaken by Scarborough Corporation and administered by a Committee of members drawn from each Local Authority served. There are no private supplies of water.

From a storage reservoir at Randymere the feed is by way of service reservoirs at Castle Park, from where distribution takes place.

The preparatory works of extracting water from the River Esk are well advanced and it would seem that this will be completed and water extraction taking place long before the works of sewerage for the Briggswath Area is commenced. This is to be regretted, as from a Public Health view, it would be better for the river pollution to be prevented before commencing water extraction.

The quantity and quality of water supplied during the year was adequate and periodic samples invariably have been satisfactory.

According to figures supplied by the Water Engineer, 5,074 premises are served with an internal piped water supply and there are no premises in the District without such a service.

SEWERS AND DRAINS.

As mentioned under the previous heading, very little progress has been made with the scheme of sewerage for Briggswath and Ruswarp which was originated in 1963, and no progress at all has been made with other necessary schemes of sewerage in the urbanised part of the Area, in spite of the Report of the Engineer and Surveyor on sewerage deficiencies in October, 1961.

The sewage outfall, which is direct to the sea, causes no trouble.

RIVERS AND STREAMS.

When the Briggswath-Ruswarp Sewerage Scheme is completed there will be no pollution of non-tidal water in the Esk. Some pollution must occur in the tidal area because of sewer surcharges and defective pipes.

SHOPS AND OFFICES.

Regular routine inspections of all premises registered under the Act are made and the minor infringements discovered are remedied by informal action.

There are 199 premises on the register to which 47 visits were made ; 29 contraventions were discovered and remedied.

Two accidents were reported and investigated, neither of these were of a serious nature and there were no deaths.

CAMPING SITES.

There are four sites in the Area which cater for 132 caravans.

One site has 10 stations specially set aside for touring caravans.

All the sites are up to standard and are maintained in a reasonable condition. During the height of summer season overcrowding takes place, which tends to cause problems of Public Health and amenity. This type of holiday is ever increasing and the provision of more sites is essential. To cater for this need the Council have decided to set aside land to make a site, but have been refused Planning Permission. An appeal against the decision has been lodged and an Inquiry is expected in 1968.

Tented camping is also on the increase and a lack of suitably equipped and maintained sites is a pressing problem.

Holidaymaking either by tent or caravan is, without doubt, health giving and providing it is carried out on proper sites, is to be encouraged.

OFFENSIVE TRADES.

There are registered Offensive Trades in the Area.

COMMON LODGING HOUSES.

There are no registered Common Lodging Houses in the Area.

SWIMMING POOLS.

The facilities as reported in 1960 remain unaltered.

Improved summer weather allowed greater use to be made of the Pool and regular inspections of the facilities provided found no cause for complaint.

But slow progress is being made with the provision of an indoor pool.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES.

Adequate provision is available throughout the town for this service.

As has now become usual, comment must be made of the damage sustained at these premises where small irrational acts of vandalism and nuisance cause irritating break-downs of this essential service.

FACTORIES.

Apart from four premises, all factories employ but a few people and three of these premises are new and up to date.

Factory inspections are usually carried out whilst investigating other matters and only very infrequently are minor defects noted.

The steadily increasing trade in the Harbour is sharply outlining the need for permanent toilet facilities for the workpeople employed in and around. The temporary facilities granted at New Quay Conveniences are very little used and immediate attention should be given to this very important matter.

CLEAN AIR.

Little if any pollution occurs from industry, but domestic smoke in the narrow valley of the Esk on the infrequent still days shows very distinctly. It is pleasing to report that the redevelopment in the central Church Street Area is to be smokeless.

NUISANCES.

153 complaints of nuisance were received during the year and 149 nuisances found, all of which were remedied informally.

VERMIN INFESTATION.

At one time infestation of fleas and bugs were fairly common, but are fast disappearing and to a lesser degree are cockroaches and beetles.

Higher standards of living and intolerance to vermin, together with the many varied types of insecticide now available in "do it yourself" packs are all making this kind of work lighter.

RODENT CONTROL.

Again no major infestations of either rats or mice were encountered. Prompt notification of even the sight of a single rodent by the public and a very efficient clearance service are a great help in keeping infestations low.

A ten per cent. test of sewers showed negligible infestation.

53 complaints were received involving 227 visits.

The free treatment service is a great boon.

HOUSING.

Six houses were completed by the Council and 13 by Private Enterprise and there are 243 applicants on the Council's waiting list.

Redevelopment in Church Street Central Areas will provide 39 units of accommodation during 1968 and at last some real progress is being made to develop Low Stakesby Estate, all of which should go a long way to fulfilling the housing shortage.

Early in the year an Inquiry was held into a Compulsory Purchase Order made on 10 houses which surprisingly was rejected by the Minister. This result means fresh thinking of what constitutes an "Unfit House" will have to be made before any further houses of this type are "Represented."

Twenty Discretionary Grants to 12 tenanted and 8 owner/occupied houses, amounting to £5,728, were made, as well as 3 Standard Grants.

A total of 187 Discretionary and 12 Standard Grants, involving £48,618 19s. 9d., have been made up to the end of 1967.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.

The increasing bulk of Household Refuse is demanding more and more space in Collection Vehicles ; in 1947 three 7 cubic yard vehicles were able to cope with collections, whilst now, two 20 cubic yard and one 18 cubic yard vehicles are needed. In addition another vehicle is engaged wholly on paper collections from shops and offices. This increasing bulk is expected to continue for some years before it reaches a maximum.

Apart from sickness and occasional staff shortages causing disturbances, collection schedules have been well maintained, this is a mixed blessing, as when a breakdown occurs in a regular service many complaints are received whereas delays in an irregular service appear to be accepted without complaint.

Schemes with budget costs were being obtained at the year end for a replacement Refuse Disposal Plant. The diversity and complex nature of the various methods for disposing of household refuse is amazing and as this departure from Controlled Tipping is new, great care is needed in choosing a method suitable to the needs of the Area within price range. Insufficient practical experience of running these mechanical plants has yet been obtained and without this guidance the choice of plant is somewhat a shot in the dark.

A total of 3,095 loads of Refuse was dealt with by the Plant, 2,573 loads brought in by our own vehicles, 211 by private persons and 311 by local tradespeople. In addition, 787 loads of paper and cardboard were collected separately for delivery direct to the presses.

SALVAGE.

Material.	Weight			Value		
	T.	C.	Qr.	£	s.	d.
Screenings	144	0	0	30	9	0
Cinders	45	1	6	44	16	6
Clinker	324	0	0	75	16	6
Paper	163	9	2	1043	16	6
Baled Tins	143	9	2	976	1	1
N.F. Metals		15	2	39	7	6
Scrap Metal	16	12	0	29	5	0
Bones		16	2.1 st.	6	8	0
Textiles		8	2.1½ st.	7	8	4
Bottles and Jars ...			192¼ doz.	8	19	3
				£2,262	7	8

MEAT INSPECTION.

An increase of 4,765 animals slaughtered and inspected is recorded, making a total of 39,564.

All animals are inspected at the time of slaughter and a full time meat inspector is engaged for this purpose.

To carry out this work a considerable amount of overtime is necessary, which amounted to 698½ hours during the year.

Agreement has been reached on the lease of additional land to the slaughterhouse operator and plans are in the process of being drawn up for extensions and additions which complete the scheme put forward some years ago and only partially completed. When this work is finished during 1968, there should be a completely modern slaughterhouse complying in all respects to present-day standards.

Income from inspection charges amounted to £1,731 4s. 0d.

42,295 lbs. of meat were rejected as unfit for human consumption, 1,527 lbs. being tubercular. Again, much use was made of the slaughterhouse for re-actors in the Tuberculosis Eradication Scheme, which may distort these figures. Being surrounded by an agricultural area brings in a large number of "casualties" which again tends to distort condemnation figures.

It is now some years since viable *Cysticercus* has been found.

Again the usefulness of the Veterinary Laboratory at Thirsk has been proved in identifying suspected tuberculosis lesions.

**CARCASES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED
IN WHOLE OR IN PART.**

	Cattle		Sheep		
	Excluding				
	Cows	Cows	Calves	and Lambs	Pigs
No. Killed	4166	1097	396	17037	16868
No. Inspected	4166	1097	396	17037	16868
All Diseases Except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci :					
Whole Carcases Condemned	9	6	14	20	63
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ...	751	240	4	362	1985
Percentage of the No. inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis	18.243	22.425	4.545	2.242	7.142
Tuberculosis Only :					
Whole carcases condemned	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ...	4	—	—	—	103
Percentage of the No. inspected affected with Tuberculosis	.096	—	—	—	.610
Cysticerci :					
Whole Carcases Condemned	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ...	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	—	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally condemned	—	—	—	—	—

OTHER FOODS.

The amount of prepacked, frozen and prepared food appears to be ever increasing, all of which makes demands on the Department. It is essential that persons handling these types of food should understand stock rotation and the proper use of deep freeze cabinets.

This type of food work intensifies manyfold during the very short holiday season and constant supervision of all premises handling food is an absolute necessity.

Once again comment must be made on the increasing consciousness of the general public to hygiene practices in food shops. Much more can be done by the discerning shopper in buying from shops where good hygiene is practiced than the spasmodic visit of an Inspector.

There are some 174 premises in the Area from which food is sold, excluding residential hotels and boarding houses.

Nine cases of foreign bodies in food were notified and investigated.

During the year the following items of food were surrendered and disposed of as unfit for human consumption.

Canned Meat	52
Canned Milk	62
Canned Vegetables	199
Canned Fruit	172
Canned Fish	11
Miscellaneous	101

6 Stone Dublin Bay Prawns.

100 lbs. Grapes.

1,434 Packets Frozen Foods.

6 Stone Cod.

72 lbs. 5 oz. Cooked Meat.

12 lbs. Saveloys.

58 lbs. Bacon.

24 lbs. Cheese.

34 Dozen Jars Meat Paste.

280 lbs. Pears.

24 lbs. Liver Sausage.

9 Jars Pickles.

